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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Better Relations

In the interests of the peace and security of the Middle East it is of profound importance that relations between Britain and Egypt should be harmonious and co-operative. Happily there have been recent signs that relations are beginning to move in this desired direction, though there remains much room for improvement. The contributing factors of a more durable friendship are however worth appraising.

First and foremost has been completion of the gigantic operation of evacuating the Canal Zone ahead of schedule, due largely to the excellent co-operation between the British and Egyptian authorities on the spot. That has helped in a considerable measure in establishing British goodwill.

Relations in the economic field have also improved to an extent that is often overlooked. Last September the British government agreed that Egypt could transfer £20 million a year from her blocked sterling account instead of the £10 million fixed in 1951. In exchange the Egyptian government announced that the import entitlement system would no longer apply to British goods. The important result has been a marked rise in Egypt's imports of British goods.

BRITAIN'S motives for desiring closer relations with Egypt are frequently misconstrued; yet they are highly practical and anything but Machiavellian. Britain is a trading nation and the Middle East is an important market. At the same time it is well to remember that the ability of countries like Egypt to trade on equal terms was made possible to a large extent by British enterprise and with British help.

Britain's interest in Egypt's programmes of internal development, and particularly in the High Dam project, is every bit as simple and practical. She wants to see the Middle East economically prosperous and politically stable. Hence her offer of a loan towards construction of the new Aswan Dam; hence also her anxiety at the economic, cultural and, even military, rapprochement between Egypt and the Soviet bloc.

COLONEL Nasser has announced the setting in motion in Egypt of a more democratic political and social system—the release of political prisoners, the removal of Press censorship and the establishment of a parliamentary institution. This coincided with the announcement of more "liberalising" methods of government within the Soviet bloc, but there is no reason to believe as yet that the basic aim of Soviet foreign policy—namely, to establish just the kind of political and economic domination that Egypt so rightly fears—has changed.

There have, fortunately, been indications that the divergence of views between London and Cairo on Soviet policy is not quite so irreconcilable as it sometimes appears. While the Soviet aim in supplying Egypt with arms was to drive a wedge between Egypt and the West and to heighten tension between the Arab states and Israel, Col Nasser in his National Day speech laid special emphasis on Egypt's determination to fulfil her internal ambitions; to lay the foundations of a new society in which social justice and equality of opportunity are the main pillars.

These are ideals to which Britain herself has always aspired and which she has gone a long way to achieving. The British government, therefore, has every interest—political, economic and moral—in giving Col Nasser all the support it can in realising these ideals.

Commonwealth PMs Agree To Strive For . . . MORE TRADE WITH CHINA Will Also Seek Improved Diplomatic Relations

From DEREK MARKS

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Singapore Chief Minister's Opinion

BRITAIN SHOULD FORFEIT HER CEYLON BASES

Singapore, July 2.

Mr Lim Yew-hock, the Chief Minister of Singapore, said today it would be the "most sensible thing" for Britain to withdraw her bases from Ceylon.

Mr Lim was commenting on the announcement made in London today by the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr Solomon Bandaranaike, that Britain had agreed in principle to the withdrawal.

The Chief Minister told Reuter: "I welcome Mr Bandaranaike's statement. It shows that Britain appreciates the situation in Ceylon at its proper perspective.

Prostitutes Drawn Up Like A "Guard Of Honour"

TORY MP INDICTS LONDON VICE

London, July 2.

Sir Beverley Baxter, Conservative, drew a picture in the House of Commons tonight of prostitutes "drawn up like a guard of honour—or dishonour" soliciting in streets near London's Hyde Park.

He was condemning vice in the city's West End during a debate about matters under the control of the Home Office.

Sir Beverley Baxter said this sort of thing was "not paralleled in any other great civilised capital—New York, Paris or Vienna."

Criticising the law and the "action" of the police, he said prostitutes legally could not be punished because they were not causing a disturbance.

Yet nothing was done when "screams, quarrels, blasphemy and blows" accompanied disputes between the prostitutes and men who arrived to take percentage of the earnings.

Big gangs of these men were "coming out into the open," he said.

Mr Gwynn Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, denied charges of inaction by the police in tackling vice and other problems, but said police were handicapped by the present state of the law on prostitution.

He urged the Commons to await a report expected soon of a committee appointed by the government to suggest changes.

—Reuter.

Big Ben Becomes Silent

London, July 2.

The chimes of Big Ben, from the famous clock towering over the Houses of Parliament at Westminster, were silenced tonight after they had struck nine o'clock.

A long overdue overhaul is being carried out, and the chimes which are familiar to radio listeners all over the world, will not be heard again for three months.

The British Broadcasting Corporation, which normally prefixes its major news bulletins with these unmistakable chimes, will relay instead the chimes of Great Tom, in the clock perched 100 feet up in one of the towers of St Paul's Cathedral.

Great Tom was first heard over the air when repairs were last made to Big Ben 22 years ago.—China Mail Special.

BOMB KILLS CHILD

Nicosia, July 2.

A Greek Cypriot child was killed and two soldiers were slightly injured today when a bomb was thrown at a military vehicle in the village of Komotou Yialou on the northeast peninsula of Cyprus.

Troops shot dead a youth officially stated to be the thrower of the bomb.

A wide-scale operation entered its second day today in Northeast Cyprus where 1,000 British troops were reportedly searching for a Greek Army officer who was understood to have smuggled himself into Cyprus recently.

There was no official statement on the subject and officials said there would be none until the operation was over.

CURFEW LIFTED

Meanwhile, a night curfew on the Greek sector of Nicosia's old town which has been in force for the past 15 days, was to be lifted tonight, an official statement said.

A ban on the opening of all Greek-owned places of entertainment in the Nicosia area was lifted this morning.

A government statement said today that there had been further evidence of Greek Cypriot students having received terrorist training in Greece.

Nixon For Taipei

Goldsburg, July 2.

The Vice-President, Mr Richard Nixon, now on a tour of the Far East, will go to Formosa on July 7 to visit General Chiang Kai-shek. It was announced here today.

The UN chief executive is on a European tour.—Reuter.

S'pore Thugs Wage War

Singapore, July 2.

Police reported tonight another flareup in the gang war between rival secret thugs on Singapore's waterfront.

Following up a series of "hit-and-run" police found the body of a 22-year-old Chinese waterfront worker.

He had been stabbed to death.

Later they discovered a bloodstained knife a few yards away.

Reserve constables, called out to deal with the gang war, were combing round-the-clock under-world haunts along the waterfront for suspected thugs tattooed with their secret society numbers—"109" and "24".

In a raid on a house in Singapore, detectives recovered a pistol and ten rounds of ammunition.

They reported it was the woman missing from the office of the Commandant of Singapore's Special Constabulary in the central police station last December.—Reuter.

Moscow, July 2.
Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General, flew into Moscow tonight for a three-day visit and talks with Soviet leaders.

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The prime ministers recognise that there was no chance of a major rethink of Western policy toward China until after the American presidential election. But they agreed that in the meantime the Commonwealth countries should take every opportunity of improving relations.

In a discussion of the Cyprus situation, I understand Mohammed Ali of Pakistan stressed the vital importance of Turkey to the Baghdad pact of which Pakistan is the most easterly member.

There were no survivors among the passengers and crews of the two aircraft, a Transworld Airline Superconstellation and a United Air Lines DC 7.

Rescue workers in the gorge continued to sift through the charred and tangled wreckage of the TWA plane for other bodies.

The other airliner smashed into a virtually inaccessible peak and so far it was not been possible to reach it on foot.

BIG CHINESE CONTRACT

LONDON, JULY 2.
It was learned here today that Communist China recently placed in Britain an order for insecticides worth about £2,000,000 as well as large orders for fertilisers in other Western countries.

The order for the insecticides is believed to be one of the biggest of its kind and is connected with the Peking government's 12-year plan for the development of agricultural production.—France-Press.

The view of the British government remains that the right of self-determination for Cyprus can't be reached without full Turkish co-operation.

BIG FLURRY

There was also a big flurry in Whitehall today over the Ceylon buses. It came after Solomon Bandaranaike, Ceylon's Prime Minister, was reported to have said Britain had agreed in principle to evacuate bases in Ceylon.

Mr Lee Kuan-yew, leader of the left-wing People's Action Party in the Legislative Assembly, said: "It depends on the British Government. If Britain takes a long-term view of her interests in Singapore, she will be more conciliatory to our demand for Merdeka (freedom)."

Must Leave

Mr Lee said Britain had to leave Ceylon.

"It is the only thing she can do under the circumstances," he stated.

Mr C. C. Tan, chairman of the right-wing Liberal Socialist Party, said: "I don't think a British withdrawal from Ceylon would affect the British government's attitude towards Singapore."

He said Ceylon was independent and therefore had a right to ask for the withdrawal of all foreign bases.—Reuter.

FAMED WOMAN RACEHORSE OWNER SLAIN

LONDON, JULY 2.
Miss Rachel Parsons, well-known racehorse owner and one of the richest women in England, was found dead from severe head injuries this afternoon near her property at Newmarket.

She was believed to have been murdered.

Miss Parsons, 75, was known as "The Grand Old Lady of Racing."

She owned over 20 thoroughbreds, and in 1954 bought the big Lansdowne Stables near the Newmarket race course.

Miss Parsons inherited a fortune of nearly £1,000,000 from her father, Sir Charles Parsons, inventor of the steam turbine for ship propulsion.

She also had a degree in naval engineering and was a member of the Institute of Naval Architects.—France-Press.

NOW HAS 25 WAR MEDALS

HOLLYWOOD, JULY 2.
Audie Murphy, American Second World War hero who is now a film star, has been notified here that he has received two military awards from Belgium to add to the 23 which have made him the most decorated American soldier in history.

The new awards are the Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940, and the palm for the same medal. Murphy, whose exploits were with the American 3rd Infantry Division in Italy and France, holds the Medal of Honour, highest United States award.

ANNA PAUKER REPORTED DEAD

LONDON, JULY 2.
Rumanian Communist leader Anna Pauker has died in Bucharest, the Manchester Guardian reported today.

The Guardian, quoting a Rumanian exile paper in Paris, said the woman, one of the founders of the Communist Party in Rumania, died a month ago at the age of 63 and was buried quietly and without ceremony.—United Press.

BRITAIN WORKING OUT ENTIRELY NEW DEFENCE POLICY

London, July 2.

Leaders of the British Government and armed forces are studying plans for a general revision of British defence policy, an informed source said today.

The revision would affect the structure of Britain's relationship to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and particularly its troops stationed in Germany.

It would also affect the British system of bases throughout the world which in Cyprus, Jordan, Aden, Ceylon and even Singapore is threatened by local nationalist demands.

MOLLET'S NEW TAX BILL

Paris, July 2.

Premier Guy Mollet, fresh from an overwhelming confidence vote from his Socialist Party, today began preparations to raise taxes of 100,000,000,000 francs (US \$285,714,290) to pay for the war in Algeria.

The tax plan will be presented to the French Cabinet by the Finance Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, next Wednesday. It is largely a "soak the rich" plan, although cigarette and tobacco taxes will be raised 10 to 15 per cent to bring in part of the money.

French "pacification" of Algeria is at present costing around 1,000,000,000 francs (US \$285,857,000) a day.

3 MAIN POINTS
Main points of the plan are:
1. A 30-per cent increase in rent taxes to bring in an estimated 15,000,000,000 francs (US \$42,857,146). This will mainly hit large apartment owners and homeowners. Reservists and their families will be exempt.
2. An increased excess profits tax to bring in an estimated 20,000,000,000 francs (US \$57,142,858 to \$71,428,573).

3. Higher taxes on luxury articles such as television sets and refrigerators to bring in an estimated 20,000,000,000 francs (US \$57,142,858 to \$71,428,573). At the same time, M. Ramadier is planning to impose a price freeze throughout the French economy to hold back inflation.—United Press.

17 Buried Alive

New Delhi, July 2.
Seventeen villagers were buried alive and six others injured by huge landmines this weekend in the Himalayan district of Almora, according to reports received here today.—United Press.



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Russia Less Likely To Start New War

BUT DULLES SEES NO IMPROVEMENT REGARDS CHINA

Washington, July 2.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, has told Congress that the chances of the Soviet Union starting a war are less than they were a year ago.

But, he added that he could not "record any comparable improvement as regards China."

In secret testimony before a House appropriations sub-committee made public in censored form today, Mr Dulles said the situation was not as menacing, even though the Soviet Union's economic capability to make war was greater.

"There was tangible evidence of forces working inside the Soviet Union which might in time diminish the threat of communism to the free world," he declared.

Reckless

Mr Dulles warned against the United States letting down its guard.

"It would be reckless to say that as long as the Soviet Union is spending approximately 20 per cent of its gross national production on policies that are primarily hostile to us, that we should cut down materially on efforts, which we believe are needed to meet that peril," he said.

Mr Dulles appeared before the committee on May 24 and June 13 in support of President Eisenhower's 4,000 million dollar foreign aid programme.

Mr Dulles reported that the Russians, under their "new look" foreign policy emphasising the non-military approach, have put up about a 100 million dollars worth of foreign aid in the last 18 months in the form of easy-term loans.

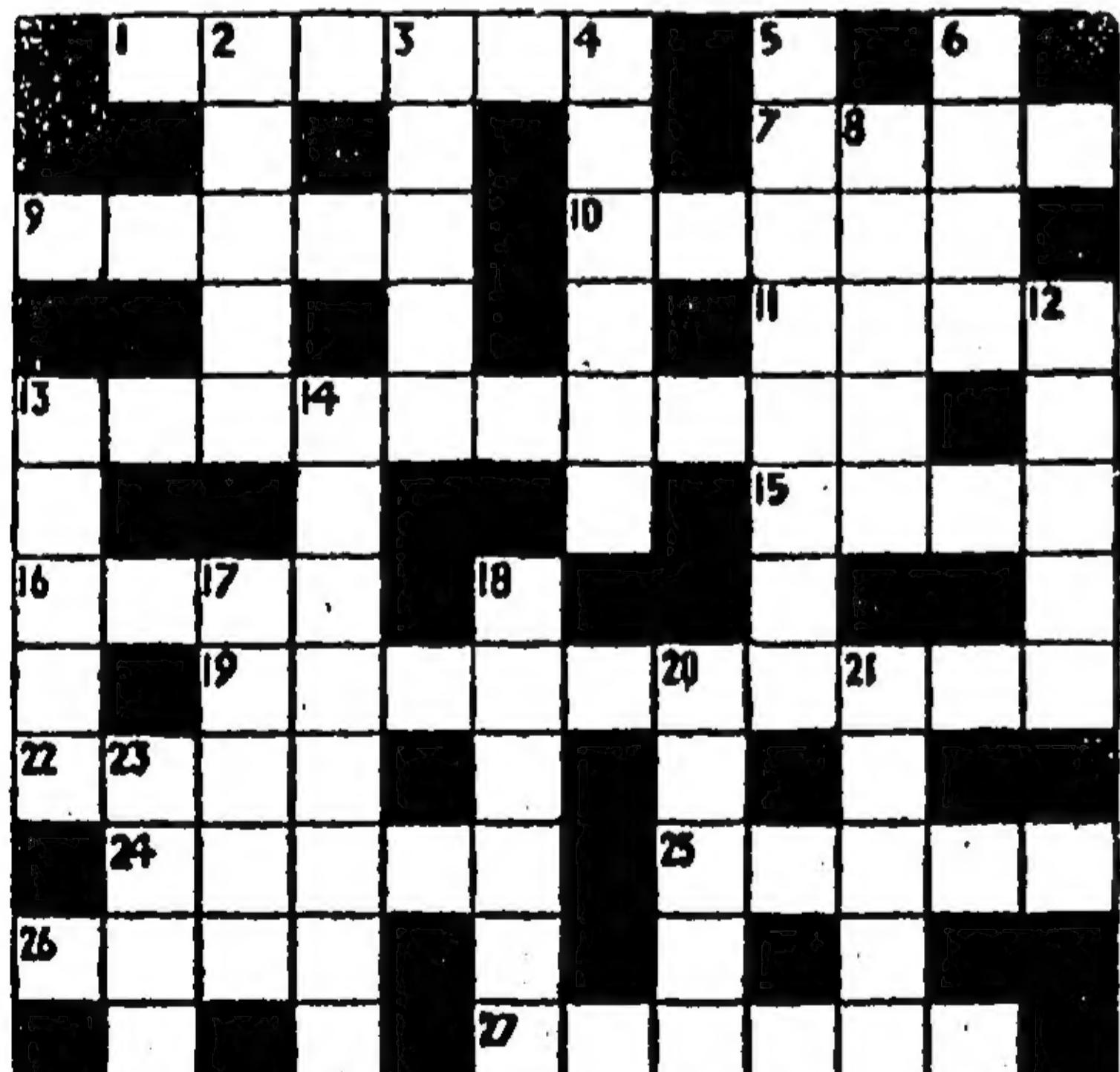
Mr Dulles said that the announced Soviet plan to cut its forces by 1,200,000 would not reduce their military potential but could help its economy.

Would Be Disaster

The Secretary of State drew a picture of encouragement on what he called "stages of liberalisation" at work in the Soviet Union since Stalin's death. He said: "development, such a greater freedom of thought, might bring about a genuine change in the Soviet Union over a period of say, the next ten years."

But he said it would be disastrous to think that such a change had occurred already that the United States could let up on its own security efforts. — Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Equine gait (6).
- 7 Monster (4).
- Friendship (5).
- Church passage (5).
- Companion (4).
- Laid in ruins (10).
- Try out (4).
- Regretted (4).
- Wrongdoer (10).
- Prefix meaning "half" (4).
- Loans (5).
- Nimble (6).
- Scold (4).
- Diminish (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Wimble, 4. Relax, 7. Induce, 8. Pinch, 10. Stop, 12. Reverse, 15. Comet, 16. Need, 17. Ons, 19. Erect, 20. Trestle, 21. Ears, 23. Tabby, 24. Duchen, 25. Haven, 26. Needic. Down: 1. Wainscot, 2. Medioce, 3. Luck, 5. Eminence, 6. Accuse, 9. Metro, 11. Pausible, 12. Neols, 13. Retained, 14. Edentate, 15. Armada, 22. Mute.

DOWN

- 2 Self-evident truth (5).
- 3 Faithful (5).
- 4 Extol (6).
- 5 Beauty preparation (8).
- 6 Worry (4).
- 8 Open space in a wood (5).
- 12 Come in (5).
- 13 Challenges (5).
- 14 Decreed (8).
- 17 Ant (6).
- 18 Ship (6).
- 20 Accumulate (6).
- 21 Commonplace (6).
- 23 Dash (4).

Soviet Trade

Mission To UK

London, July 2.

A Soviet trade mission will arrive in London toward the end of this week to discuss goods to be exported by Britain to the USSR during the next five years. The Board of Trade announced today.

Representatives of the Soviet Union have said they would buy goods valued between £100,000,000 and £1,000,000,000. — France-Press.

Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, July 2.

The engine of the north-bound rail train came adrift from the coaches near Kafulifulu, about 20 miles south of Bwana Mikubwa and passengers looking out of the windows had the novel experience of seeing the train slowing down while the engine pulled away.

This engine, without the weight of the train behind it, surged forward before it was stopped half a mile further on. — China Mail Special.

Israel Seeks Closer Ties With Asia

Jerusalem, July 2.

Israel sees herself as an integral part of Asia and wants to strengthen her ties with all Asian countries, Golda Meir, Israel's new Foreign Minister, told her first news conference today.

She also said that while Israel's policy is not to interfere with anyone, the nation will not "tolerate interference from anybody and we won't let our border settlers stand in danger of their lives."

There will be no radical change in Israel's foreign policy, she said, and the country will "work through the United Nations with all states who seek peace, no one in an Arab country need stand in fear. It all depends on the Arab authorities."

On the subject of Asia, she said:

"Israel sees herself as an integral part of Asia and will do its utmost to strengthen the ties with the Asian states, large and small. Many of them achieved their independence at about the same time as Israel, and we have much in common. We hope our friendship with Burma won't remain an isolated incident." — United Press.

Camera As Bank Bandit Trap

Wilmington, July 2.

A Boston bank is trying out a new kind of bandit trap which shots film instead of bullets, according to an article in the latest issue of a magazine published here by E. I. du Pont Nemours and Co.

It is an automatic camera which operates silently and invisibly from behind a one-way mirror to capture on film everything that happens during a hold-up.

The one-way mirror, only slightly larger than a peep hole, is bullet-proof, and the film would show just where the bandit stepped, so that detectives could possibly pick up heel marks on the floor. A heel impression has proved as helpful as a fingerprint in the solution of several famous crimes.

The magazine said that "the criminal might be tripped up by the camera patrol before he even stages the hold-up." Films taken daily would be checked routinely by law enforcement officers, and since most robberies have to be rehearsed in advance, known criminals entering the bank could be spotted and placed under surveillance.

Suspicious behaviour by anyone entering the bank during business hours might also become an automatic examination of what the camera saw. Evidence of odd actions could serve to alert the bank.

The new camera technique was praised at a forum at Massachusetts police chiefs by Mr Edward Powers, special agent in charge of the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both the FBI and the Massachusetts Bankers' Association have encouraged the study of the camera method. — China Mail Special.

Rakosi Told To Toe The Line

London, July 2.

Hungary's Communist strong-man Matyas Rakosi has been ordered by Moscow to "mend his ways" and toe the anti-Stalin line, diplomatic dispatches from behind the Iron Curtain said today.

Rakosi, who is reported to have visited Moscow in the past fortnight, is one of the last leading Stalinists still in power.

Informed reports suggest his days as Hungary's dictator may be numbered.

Rakosi's head is believed to have been demanded by Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito in his recent negotiations with the Soviet leaders as a price for returning to the Communist fold. Tito is understood to have put much of the blame for the ousting of Yugoslavia from Cominform also on the Hungarian dictator.

Rakosi is considered the most stubborn of all the satellite leaders and his close alignment with Stalin during the war and post-war years has not been forgotten. Rumblings of discontent in Hungary appear to have added to Moscow's decision to summon him for a "dressing down."

What Moscow resents most is the apparent reluctance to date on the part of Rakosi to substitute an effective collective leadership for his one-man rule. In a speech to active party members in Budapest on May 18, Rakosi in an oblique reference to the 20th Soviet Communist Party Congress debunking of Stalinism, gave this warning:

"The courage and determination which they took up the struggle against the cult of personality has been wrongly explained in places by some people."

"They thought that the condemnation of the cult of personality was at the same time a denial of the role of leaders; this viewpoint is mistaken."

New Developments

He paid cautious lip service at the same time to the cult of personality for avoiding "irregularities." He also claimed that 9,000 people have been freed from prison under the new amnesty.

Earlier this year Rakosi yielded to pressure and reinstated László Rákócz, the Hungarian Communist who was executed on trumped-up charges presumably with Rakosi's approval.

The American food offer was made through the intermediary of the American Red Cross. — France-Press.

No Answer To Food Offer

Washington, July 2.

The United States has not received any answer from the Polish Government concerning the offer made last Saturday to send food to Poland, the State Department spokesman disclosed today.

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Soviet Air Display



SHEPILOV'S VISIT INDICATES

Soviet Policy Change In Middle East

London, July 2.

The recent Middle East tour of the new Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Dmitri Shepilov, has set off a fresh round of speculation here about the extent to which Soviet Russia is backing the Arab States. It is seen in diplomatic quarters here as liable to have an important influence on Middle East stability.

Mr Shepilov's visits to Cairo, Damascus and Beirut followed an incident at the Security Council in New York early in June which has generally been regarded as marking an important policy switch.

At the conclusion of the London visit in April of the Soviet Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and the Communist Party First Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, a communiqué said that the parties to the talks would back initiative by the United Nations to get "a peaceful settlement on a mutually acceptable basis" of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

The Communist decision to supply arms to Egypt was taken as an indication that the Soviet Government and its allied States had ceased to be neutral in terms of the Arab-Israeli conflict and had decided to back the Arab States.

Following the issue of the Anglo-Soviet communiqué at the conclusion of the April talks in London, diplomatic quarters here assumed that the Soviet Government had again decided to work for a settlement of the conflict.

Tension Increased

This phrase in the communiqué was interpreted in British diplomatic quarters as meaning that British and Soviet statesmen were agreed on the need for a policy calculated to damp down existing Arab-Israeli tension.

In the Western view tension in the Middle East had greatly

'ADVANCED WEAPONS' FOR JAPAN

Washington, July 2.

"Advanced" weapons, presumably missiles of the "Honest John" or "Nike" type, will be included in the high priority American military aid programme for Japan during the present fiscal year.

This was disclosed in testimony by top-ranking American military authorities before the House Appropriations Committee. These testimonies were made public today.

This programme, which represents up to date the most important flow of military material from the United States to Japan, includes also aircraft, warships, tanks and other weapons.

NOT SPECIFIED

The amount of this programme in dollars was not specified, but according to a committee member, the involved cost is 13½ times as much as requested for the fiscal year completed on June 30 and represents about half the amount spent on military aid to Japan from 1950 to 1955 inclusive. — France-Press.

Furniture Swindle

Singapore, July 2.

Confidence men posing as purchasing agents for millionaires have swindled dealers of thousands of dollars worth of furniture.

A man walks into a furniture store and asks the owner whether he can furnish a flat for a woman friend of a millionaire.

The owner, realising that he has been taken into the confidence of a millionaire, is generally more than happy to sell his furniture.

The confidence man then tells the dealer to deliver the goods at the country residence of an ascetic millionaire.

After delivery, the dealer does not ask for immediate payment for fear of offending the millionaire.

That is the last he sees of his furniture. — China Mail Special.

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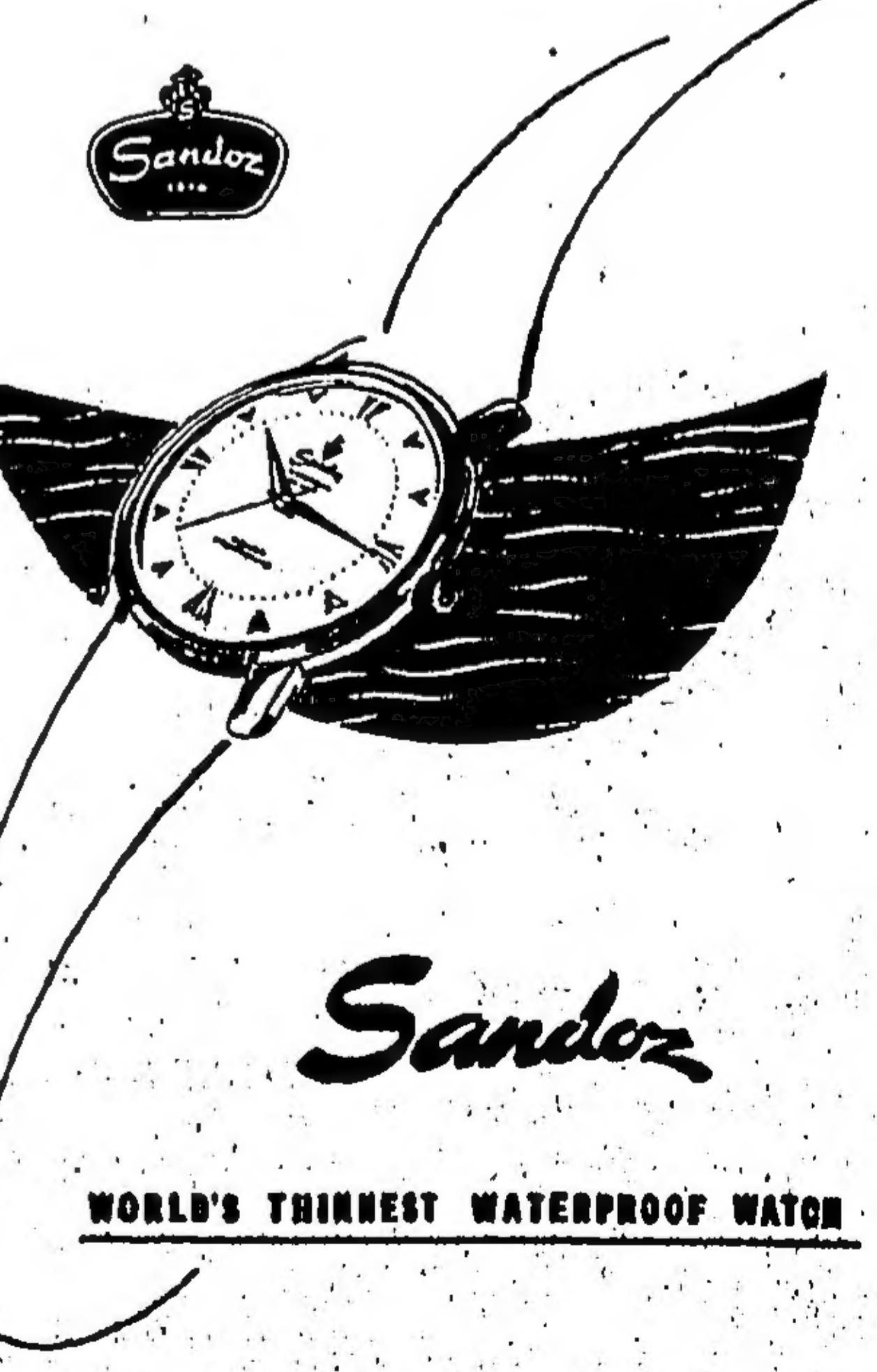
Bayer's "TONIC"



PARIS, July 2.

A visit by Mr Shepilov, then editor of Pravda, to Cairo in the summer of 1955 is considered in British diplomatic quarters to be the start of the pro-Arab policy of the Soviet bloc—a policy possibly resulting from the personal initiative of the new Foreign Minister who succeeded the veteran Mr Vyacheslav Molotov on June 1.

The unknown factor in the Middle East situation, it is now felt here, is the extent of support for the Arab cause secured by Egyptian and Syrian statesmen during Mr Shepilov's recent tour. — China Mail Special.



WORLD'S THINNEST WATERPROOF WATCH

SHIRO

**CONCLUDING THE REAL INSIDE STORY
OF THE GAY PRINCE, by SEFTON DELMER**

Bernhard's Daughter, The Future Queen

THE palace sentries presented arms, the police held up the traffic, and the five of us crossed the wide motor road which passes in front of the royal palace at Soestdijk.

"Pappi," a Prince Bernhard is known to his daughters, was taking the three eldest of them, their friend Renée Van Rossem and myself, on their regular Sunday after-noon visit to the stables.

Each of the girls had a bowl which was filled with carrots. Each had a horse of her own to feed and fondle.

The routine

THE prince fed a bowl of carrots to his horse and learnedly discussed the horses and their condition with the princesses and Renée, who is the daughter of an ADC and became caught up with Princess Beatrix.

To tell the truth I myself am not over-interested in horses or horse talk. But here I was fascinated. The regular visit to the stables is part of the prince's routine in the education of his daughters.

And there are few better indications of a man's character than how he sets about bringing up his children.

Moreover, I have been watching him at this father business ever since those earliest days when the "Gay Prince" would put a bottle of whisky in baby Beatrix's pram to shock and alarm the nanny—with mother Juliana joining in and pretending to be horrified as well.

And for another thing, Princess Beatrix is likely one day to succeed her mother, as the result of the faith healer crisis. Beatrix herself, I understand, believes may be quite near.

Well, how has he set about it? As you would expect, with much the same skilful tightrope balance between authoritarian formality and easy, cheerful informality which characterises his general method of dealing with people and situations.

* * * * * "Bernia" to the queen and his family, "Bento" to his eldest friend. The prince's name for the queen is "Lulu."

The girls, for instance, are allowed to choose whatever hobby or sport they want, with one exception, "Pappi" insists they have all got to swim whether they like it or not.

"Fortunately," he says, "they all like swimming."

But here is the limit to this liberty. Whatever the princesses do take up they must take up thoroughly and methodically with coaches to teach them.

"Pappi" Bernhard insists there is to be no fooling around.

Princess Beatrix has taken up sculpting. I was quite impressed with a bison she gave her father for Christmas. It has a most uncanny resemblance to Comrade Bulgaria.

The queen herself has been all in favour of freedom and informality for the princesses. Almost too enthusiastically so, perhaps.

Her own lonely childhood was hedged from the age of four with curving ladies-in-waiting and protocol which insisted that the little princess must precede her elders on all occasions.

Now..... a curb

QUEEN Juliana is determined that her own children shall grow up free from such misery.

The same impatience with formality and pomp which has made Queen Juliana ban the cuny from her court (much to the regret of the ladies who love curving) caused her to send Princess Beatrix to a so-called progressive school.

The prince, however, had been through a normal childhood and a normal education. His mother (an aunt of Gottfried von Cramm, the present husband of Barbara Hutton) put him through a boarding school from the age of 12, where the prince used to get beaten up regularly by the other boys for being a "prince" and not a "bogeyman" like them.

Later he read law at Berlin University where he took the equivalent of a first class honours degree.

So when the prince discovered that "Triz" as he calls her, was not getting on very well with the three R's at the go-with-the-flow-and-freedom-first academy, he insisted that she should be sent to a more orthodox and down-to-the-ground school. The queen reluctantly agreed.

Since then all the princesses have been going to the local secondary school at Baarn. They are treated exactly like the other girls and join in all school activities.

But with all this democracy, the prince—applying his old technique of balance—is now imposing a curb of royal reticence and dignity on the young princess. To remind her of her status, orders have been given that henceforth she is to be addressed as "Your Royal Highness."

And the prince is wondering whether he ought not to have insisted on this sooner, as an educational measure in much the same way as boys in French schools, on reaching the age of 10, are given the dignity of a "vous" instead of the familiar "tu."

But the problem of the princesses' titles is the least of the worries affecting the prince as a father at the moment.

His main concern is how to prevent his daughters being affected by the crisis at the court over the faith healer, Great Hofmanns.

There certainly seems little danger of the girls coming under the healer's spell.

Though the prince (who refused to discuss the Hofmanns case) will neither confirm nor deny information, I gather that Miss Hofmanns' failure to so much as cure a common cold or a rash of pimples on the occasions she was asked by members of the royal household, has completely undermined her reputation as a healer with the princesses.

Pranks

IN fact, I am told they are in having to be restrained from pranks at Miss Hofmanns' expense.

Last Christmas they wanted to act a charade in which one character after another would come on and pronounce himself or herself cured miraculously of some illness.

The Gay Prince heard of the Gay Princesses' plan only just in time. He put his foot down and stopped it.

How much he must wish he could put his foot down as easily as put a stop to the Hofmanns affair altogether. Now that he is back in Holland you may be sure he will have a try.

EXT time you are in a plane, if you travel by plane, look down hard at the ground far below, then look along the length of one of the wings. And imagine what it would be like to get out of that plane and crawl along that wing....

That's what Norman Jackson did. He got out of his Lancaster bomber and crawled along that wing—to put out a fire. "And I was doing pretty well too," said Jackson, long, long, afterwards. Pretty well.

With part of a shell in his back and the other part in his leg.

It was the year 1944. The Lancaster was raiding the German town of Schweinfurt that night. Schweinfurt was in a mess. The raid was nearly over. The ack-ack had been fierce. Now in came the German fighters.

Up went the Lancaster's wing in flames. So out went Jackson, fire extinguisher in hand. Behind him his parachute pack spilled open. Inside the plane they grabbed hold of the cords.

Jackson's clothes were on fire. In came the fighters again. Jackson slumped over the wing of the plane. Jackson had had it. Or so it seemed. More shells rippled through the plane. The hands holding the parachute cords let go.

But Jackson wasn't dead when he fell off the wing. He wasn't unconscious. The parachute half-opened, and it too was on fire, smouldering like a huge handkerchief that any moment would burst into flames. The parachute cords were burning too, and Jackson, his hands already burned, raised those hands as high as he could and ran them up and down the cords to put out the fires.

The man was pushed aside by his two daughters. They brought him in, bathed his wounds. Two lovely girls, "I was lying there like Lord Rothschild," said Jackson afterwards. "I began to think I was pretty lucky."

Pretty lucky. With part of a shell in his back, the skin burned off his hands and wrists, his face burned, part of a shell in his leg, both legs broken.

They turned him over to the Luftwaffe. That was all right. The Luftwaffe treated him well.

To hospital for 10 months, tended by captured British doctors. ("Wonderful fellows.") Then to prison camp. And the first man he met there was his half-brother, Geoffrey Hartley, Coldstream Guards.

Normal knew that Geoffrey was missing, presumed killed.



"We're coming back Tuesday for Ascot."



THE British Commonwealth's greatest heroes—300 holders of the Victoria Cross—paraded in London before the Queen last Tuesday to mark the centenary of the most treasured award for valour. They came from all walks of life, and among them were some who showed qualities outstanding even by the standards of these heroes. This series tells their stories. Already told: the story of midget submariner Magennis. Now an air saga.

FOR SHEER GUTS, BEAT THIS ONE...

By Donald Gomory

He landed on the side of a hill. He broke one leg and the ankle of the other. Jackson was presumed killed.

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himself in prison: "When I come out, if I ever come out, I'm going to have a good time for a while.... a real good time."

Jackson, V.C., had that good time, on the pay that had mounted up back home.

Later, with £50 left, he spotted a piece of land going for £500.

Jackson went to a bank manager, asked him if he could borrow £450, told him what it was for. The bank manager comd down and looked at the land—just a small piece of land at Hampton Hill, Middlesex.

And agreed to lend Jackson the money. (Bank managers were like that...once upon a time.)

And there Jackson began to build. With his own burned hands.

It was symbolic, really, this building of a new home, a new life, a new world... (The house his wife had lived in during the war had been destroyed by a buzz-bomb.)

Jackson had turned down a council job offered him at the end of the war £4 10s. a week. He was a whisky salesman now. A good job. And the day's work over he sped to his piece of land and built and built... till 11 o'clock, summer and winter.

His friends rallied round, Ron Taylor, for one. He is a professional builder. "Couldn't have done it without his help," says Jackson.

The house was begun at the end of 1947. It was finished by the end of 1948. A lovely house—four bedrooms, two living rooms, tiled bathroom and shower, big kitchen, with garden back, front, and side.

MODEST

EIGHT people live in that house, Jackson, his pretty wife, and their six children. For one can build for the future in many ways. Ian, one and a half, Peter, David, three and a half, Brenda, seven and a half, Pauline, nine and a half, Brian, 12—all race happily through the house that Jackson built.

"I believe in big families," said Jackson, V.C. "I was adopted when 18 months old."

The most modest of men. What was it like that night on the wing of the plane? He shrugged his big shoulders. "Well... you get a pretty good slip-stream out there, you know. After all, people do 90 miles an hour on a motor-bike and think nothing of it."

It hardly seemed the same to me.

"And if it's coming to you it can come in many ways. We had a wing-commander. Just finishing his second tour of ops. Gone through everything. Laid a big spread on for him. Then as he walked from his plane to the officers' mess and the spread, the officers' mess and the spread, a station van hit him."

Jackson gazed through the window past his car, his garden. Thirty-seven years old, thick hair, thick-set, handsome—those doctors did a fine job," said Jackson. The burns on his hands don't show now. Only the burns on his hands.

MISSING...

A MAN with just one small worry at the moment. This V.C. celebration business. "The invitations and decorations will be worn," said Jackson. And at the war's end, he had forgotten to claim his other medal: the Atlantic Star, the 39-45 Star, the Alcock, the Victory in Europe, and the rest.

"So I've got only one medal to wear," said Jackson. I wouldn't worry about that, Jackson, V.C. I wouldn't worry about that a bit.

PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

The Baronet Who Had A Letter From Buster Crabbe Is Upset

SIR FRANCIS ROSE, the counsel,

46-year-old baronet, who created a stir by claiming he had received a letter from the missing frogman, Commander Crabbe, posted on the day of his disappearance, is one of the most colourful members of the British community in Paris.

Sir Francis came to see me the other day in a state of considerable agitation.

He was upset for two reasons: first, that report concerning the Crabbe letter which disappeared from his flat some time ago had attributed it to him (which were palpably silly); and secondly, that his 20-year-old son who is a Spanish subject has been held for the past six weeks in a French prison without the detailed charge having yet been com-

municated to his defence counsels.

Crabbe, he says, was a very old friend of his (he calls him "Crabby"), and the letter written on the notepaper of the Portsmouth hotel in which Crabbe stayed before his disappearance was a brief note saying he was now in funds "because I have sold my investment" and could now repay small debt.

After Crabbe's disappearance Sir Francis realised the possible importance of the letter and filed it among his private papers. Later when he decided to show it to the authorities, he found it had disappeared.

He then went to see the British Ambassador, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, and told him the full story. He does not for a moment believe that his son's arrest is in any way linked with the matter.

Sir Francis, with his stocky figure, ruddy complexion; addiction to snuff, and beautifully cut slightly tweedy English clothes, looks like an English country squire. He is, in fact, a painter of considerable distinction.

He had until quite recently a large and beautiful flat overlooking Notre Dame, which he lost, and he now lives in what was once his servant's bedroom in the same building.

This small room he has transformed with admirable taste and ingenuity into a miracle of compactness. An effect of space is created by differently coloured walls and as the need arises it serves as kitchen, sitting-room or bedroom.

The walls are decorated with Henry Moore, Graham Sutherland and Christian Bertrand originals.

Sir Francis was a great friend of Gertrude Stein, who was the first to buy one of his paintings in 1930, and he has decorated the cookery book written by Miss Stein's companion Alice B. Toklas.

MEMOIRS—2

THE second volume of General de Gaulle's war

memoirs is now out, and superb stuff it is, too. The publication was timed for the anniversary of his famous

June 18 appeal to France over the BBC, and it covers the period from the spring of 1942 to the liberation of Paris.

These are the highlights:

• A closely reasoned, extremely interesting and hitherto unpublished letter to the late President Roosevelt outlining de Gaulle's view of his own role in the war, disclaiming any ambition for personal power either the war, and pointing out the dangers inherent in treating with former Vichyites.

The President did not deign to reply to this letter.

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WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS AN ALL-AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SINGLES FINAL FOR THE FIRST TIME?

By AUDREY HIGGS

Two Americans and two Australians out of the original entry of 128 players from 27 countries tonight remained to fight out the final two rounds in the Men's Singles at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships here.

In the semi-finals on Wednesday, Australian Champion Lew Hoad, the number one seeded player, will oppose sixth seeded Hamilton Richardson, the American Davis Cup International.

The other clash will be between second seeded Ken Rosewall of Australia and Vic Seixas, American winner of the title here in 1953, who is seeded eighth this year.

On form, everything points to an All-Australian final for the first time in the long and colourful history of Wimbledon, but the tennis form book has been turned almost inside out in earlier rounds this year. Only in today's quarter-finals did play run according to plan.

THE LAST FOUR

Though Australia have had a large share of the laurels in world tennis in recent years, it is only the second time in eleven post-war Wimbledons that the Commonwealth have two men among the last four.

Rosewall reached the final in 1954, the year Jaroslav Drobný achieved his cherished ambition. Hoad, though potentially the greatest amateur player in the world, has yet to reach a singles final here.

Seixas is the only former Champion remaining. The Philadelphian, who appeared in the semi-finals for the third time, is bidding strongly to become the first man since the war to win the title twice.

Hoad today carried too much power for his fellow countryman, Matt Anderson, and won in four sets. Rosewall completely mastered Sweden's Ulf Schmidt—the sole surviving European—and won in straight sets. Hoad, Richardson was kept on the centre court for two hours 20 minutes by Australian left-hander Neale Fraser before winning in four sets. Seixas had the easiest task of the four, as his opponent Allen Morris, also United States, aggravated an old leg injury early in the second set and afterwards could hardly chase a ball. Seixas won in three sets.

THE RESULTS Men's Singles Quarter-Finals

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beat A. Morris (United States) 13-11, 6-0, 6-3.

L. Hoad (Australia) beat M. Anderson (Australia) 4-6, 6-1, 0-1, 13-1.

H. Richardson (United States) beat N. Fraser (Australia) 6-3, 9-11, 7-5, 6-4.

Women's Doubles 2nd Round

Mrs D. Knode (United States) beat Miss C. Mercels (Belgium) and Mrs W. Brewer (Bermuda) and Mrs H. Hopman (Australia)

3-0, 7-5, 6-3.

T. Fancourt (South Africa) and Miss D. Seccy (Australia) beat U. Schmidt and Mrs B. Gulbransson Sanden (Sweden) 6-4, 6-4.

S. Glamalima (United States) and Miss E. Buding (Germany) beat R. Quincy (South Africa) and Mayrin K. Bouchet (France) 6-2, 6-2.

S. Davidson Sweden and Miss M. O'Donnell (Australia) beat R. Becker and Miss M. Smith (Britain) 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles 3rd Round

O. Gorrodo (Cuba) and Miss L. Snow (United States) beat R. Mark (Australia) and Mrs E. Schmitt (Denmark) 6-3 0-2.

J. Drobný (Egypt) and Mrs J. Drobný (Britain) beat B. Gulley (Australia) and Miss S. Weston (Britain) 6-1 0-3.

V. Seixas and Miss S. Fry (United States) beat D. Butler and Miss R. Bullock (Britain) 6-3 0-1.

G. Mulholland and Miss A. Gibson (United States) beat K. Meyer (Australia) and Miss O. Eyre (Britain) 0-2, 6-2.

R. Howe (Australia) and Miss D. Hard (United States) beat J. Parma and Miss V. Prezova (Czechoslovakia) 9-7, 8-4.

L. Ayer (Chile) and Mrs T. Long (Australia) beat R. Krishnan (India) and Mrs A. Thomas (Britain) 6-0, 6-1.

SCRATCHED

Mrs Beverley Fleitz, who is second-seeded for the Women's Singles at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships, scratched with her American partner, Miss Darlene Hard, from the Women's Doubles event today.

Mrs Fleitz, runner-up in the Women's Singles last year, had a slight attack of influenza and spent the day in her London hotel. But she expects to be fit to play Britain's Miss Angela Buxton in the Singles finals tomorrow.

Mrs Fleitz and Miss Hard were seeded fourth in the Women's Doubles. Their opponents, Miss Doreen Spiers and Mrs Gerald Walter, both of Britain, received a bye into the third round.

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BRITISH OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Taiwan's Golfer Goes Round In 73 At Hoylake

Liverpool, July 2.

Chen Ching-po, of Taiwan, had an excellent score of 73 over the 6,960 yards Hoylake Course today in the first round of the 36 holes qualifying competition for the British Open Golf Championship.

His round put him in second place among the early finishers at Hoylake. Bruce Crampton, 20-year-old Australian, had turned in a 70.

Chen putted well, and said afterwards that he liked the Hoylake greens much more than those at Wentworth, where the Canada Cup was played.

"They are much slower, and I like them that way," he declared.

He started rather shakily, but settled down to play soundly for most of the way. Short with his second shot at the first hole, he got down with a chip and putt for a five. Then a wayward drive at the second was trapped in a bunker and he recorded another five.

A GOOD STREAK

Chen was the essence of consistency over the next seven holes which he covered on the one over fours. He never put a foot wrong, and was always splitting the fairways with fine driving.

He reached the turn in 37, having holed a single seven-foot putt for three at the 204 yards seventh. With a par three at the eleventh, he became level four, but he bunkered his drive at the twelfth and dropped a stroke.

Chen missed a grand chance to avenge for this mistake at the short 13th. He hit a perfect tee shot with a No. 8 iron to within five feet of the pin, but surprisingly missed the putt.

He redeemed himself two holes later, running down an eight yards putt for a three at the 408 yards 15th, but was again in a sand hazard at the 16th where he took a five.

He got down in two putts on the home green for a four and an inward field of 30.2.

The competitors were split today between the Hoylake and neighbouring Wallasey courses. Tomorrow they change courses for the second qualifying round.

BRITAIN'S GAMES PROSPECT



Latest portrait of the 15-year-old sprinter Madeline Weston, a schoolgirl who will be 16 in July and has already made her claim to the Olympic Games in Melbourne this year by beating many of Britain's top line women sprinters. Last year as a junior she won the Surrey Championships, the Southern Counties National and the All-England Schools' Championships.

—Central Press Photo.

Wine For French Olympic Competitors—Team To Take Own Supply

By MORGAN WILLIAMS

French Olympic officials have just returned from surveying the Olympic Games arrangements in Melbourne with two worries:

Australian bread is under-cooked; Australian wine will not suit the French competitors who will have to take their own French wine with them.

Apart from these gastronomical problems, France has great hopes of success in the Games, hopes which are based on several national records having been broken in recent pre-Olympic trials.

Michel Macquet, a young aircraft factory worker, has raised France's Javelin throwing record to 79.01 metres (259.219 feet). Macquet, who has clearly moved into the international class, is tackling his pre-Olympics training in a determined, serious manner. He has left Paris to go through month's training in Pajulahti, Finland. When he is in Paris, he trains every night after putting in a ten-hour day at an aircraft factory in Southern Paris.

Fournier first moved to the fore when he jumped two metres (6 ft. 6½ inches) last year.

Guy Husson, who holds the French record for throwing the Hammer (50.45 metres or 165.193 feet), is another athlete who is making a name for himself.

The Education Minister, M. René Billières, is to present gold medals to Macquet, Fournier, and Husson for their distinguished work in athletics.

The three men are virtually certain to figure on the list of 28 athletes sent by the French Athletics Federation to Melbourne.

Several leading French sports officials have already been to Melbourne to look at the Olympic City, which is being built and to form an idea of what living conditions the nation's Olympic team can expect.

M. Jean Dame, President of the Basketball Federation, reported that the athletes' housing arrangements were excellent. He had one grievance about the purely sporting side of what he had seen. "The Australians do not appear to appreciate the great popularity of basketball," he said. "The spectators' stands are much too small."

ANOTHER RECORD

Maurice Fournier set up another fine national record in Algiers when he cleared a High Jump of two metres five centimetres (6 ft. 8½ inches). He thus raised by two centimetres (about four-fifths of an inch) the previous record set up by Théodore Pape Gallo, who lives in Dakar, French West Africa, in 1950.

SELECTION

There will probably be 10 men and five women in the French swimming team at Melbourne. The final selection will not be made before August, but Jean Boiteux (400 Metres Crawl) and Gilbert Bozon (200 Metres Backstroke) will be certain of places in the team.

RACES

Races, which will serve as selection tests, will be run in Paris and the provinces until the national cycling championships in July. Final team lists will be announced then.—China Mail Special.

COUNTY CRICKET

Glamorgan's Shepherd First Bowler To Reach 100 Wickets

London, July 2.

Glamorgan's Don Shepherd, in his first season as a slow medium off-cutter, today became the first bowler to reach 100 wickets for the season in English County cricket. Shepherd, formerly a pace bowler, completed his feat by taking Northamptonshire's last two wickets for 59 runs.

He heads the County Championship bowling averages with 100 wickets for 1,287 runs at an average of 12.87 per wicket.

Two England Test players were in fine batting form. Peter May, Captain for all the Test matches against Australia, scored 107, his first century of the season. He batted three hours, 50 minutes and six sixes for Surrey against Kent.

All-rounder Trevor Bailey batted five hours 20 minutes for 141 not out for Essex against Hampshire. In his last two matches Bailey has taken 16 wickets for 172 and scored 231 in three innings without being beaten.

Denis Compton, in his first innings since the serious operation for the removal of his right knee-cup last November, was out for four when he batted for Middlesex against Lancashire. He went down and had his middle stump uprooted.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Lord's: Lancashire 347 for seven declared (Hilton not out 50), Middlesex 300 for three, plus 120 unbroken.

A fine maiden century in Championship cricket by Charlie Lee helped Derbyshire establish a strong position against Leicestershire and with the score 182 for one, they were 22 ahead when a torrential downpour stopped play before tea. Lee completed his century in three and a half hours, hitting 12 fours.

TEMPORARY LEAD

Surrey, Champions for the past four years, took over a temporary lead in the Championship table with an eight wickets' victory over Kent with a day to spare. The Surrey "spin twins" Jim Laker and Tony Lock backed up May's century by each taking five of Kent's second innings wickets.

He is also related to Elijah Mokone, the South African non-European Featherweight Boxing Champion who visited Britain last year and went home without having a fight.

Mokone was christened Stephen, but prefers to be known as "Kalamazoo." He is a clerk in the Native Affairs Department at Hammanskraal, near Pretoria. He married and is a qualified teacher.

Mokone, a centre-forward, is believed to be the first African to play in English football.

After clearing their firstinning deficit of 186 for the loss of only four wickets, Warwickshire collapsed badly against the spin bowling of Yorkshire's Ray Illingworth and Johnny Wardle.

At The Oval: Surrey beat Kent by eight wickets. Kent 148 and 99 (Lock five for 24, Laker five for 55), Surrey 220 (May 107 and 21 for two).

At Kettering: Glamorgan 208 and 88 for one. Northamptonshire 193 (Livingston 77).

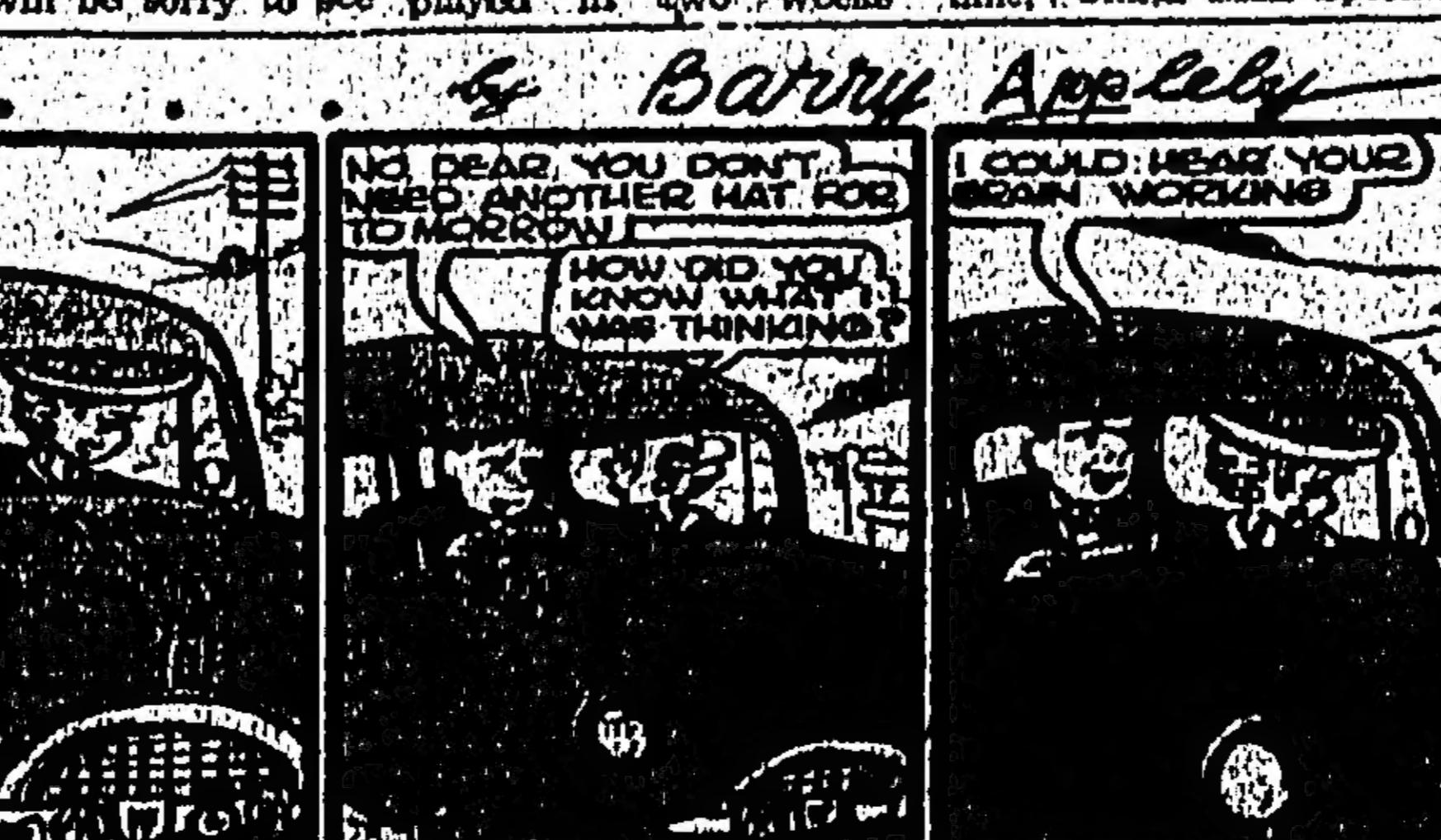
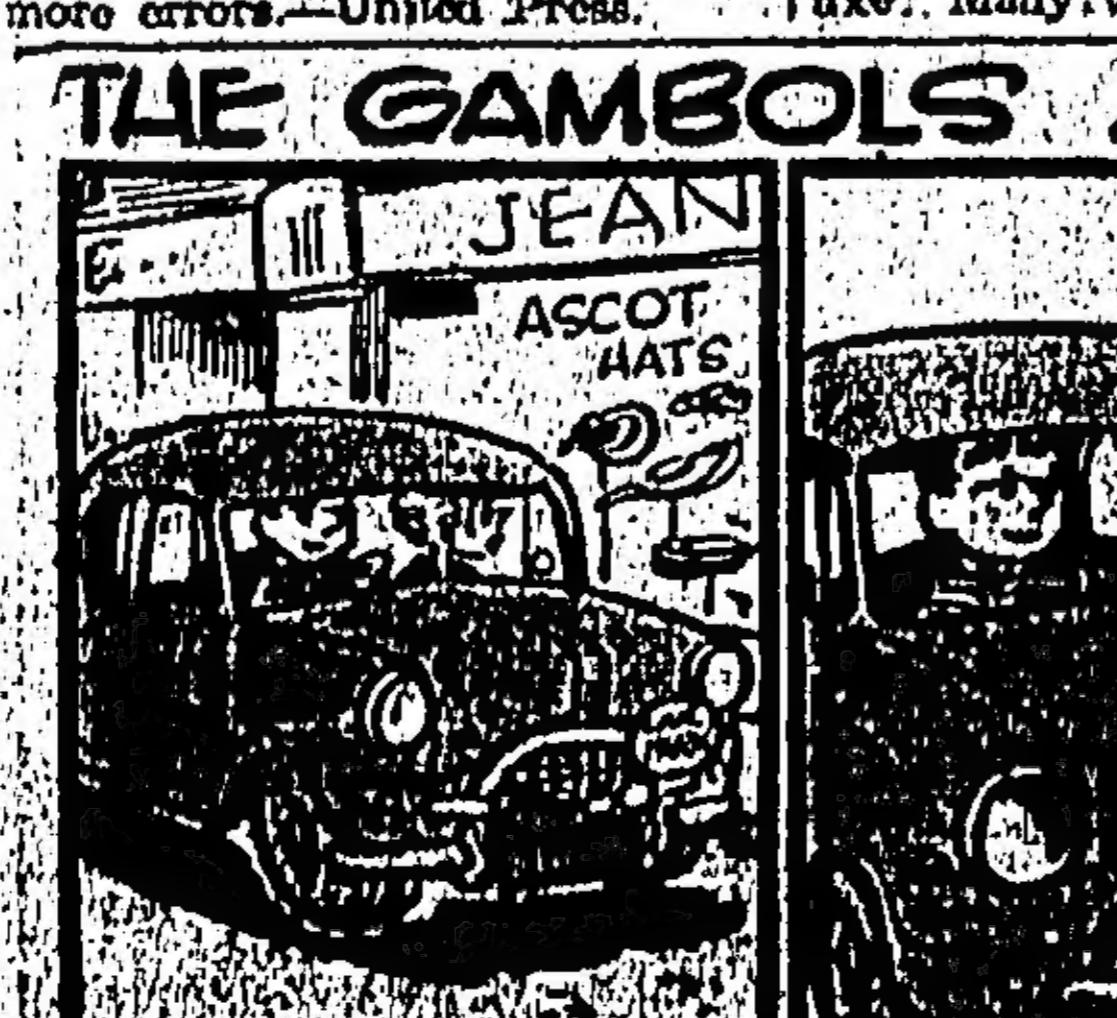
At Bradford: Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by ten wickets. Warwickshire 86 and 103 (Hornby 61; Hitchcock 43; Wardle 242), Yorkshire declared (Wardle not out 55 and 31, for no wickets).

At Walsall: Shropshire 155 and 87 for two. Essex 198 for eight declared (Bailey not out 41; Knight 84; Shropshire five for 104).

At Worcester: Worcester 204 and 22, for one. Oxford University 202 for nine declared (Delisle 71; Edgar not out 54).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 207 (Doolan not out 50) and 102 (Doolan not out 50, Doolan 62).

THE GAMBOLES.



WALLACE BEATS BARTON FOR EMPIRE TITLE



Gordon Wallace of Canada, a cut over his right eye, holds his trophy after defeating Ron Barton, the British Champion, for the vacant British Empire Light-Heavyweight Championship at Clapton Stadium, London, on June 19. Wallace won on points over 15 rounds.—Reuterphoto.

SKI CLUBS FINANCE NEW RESORTS

New Zealand Develops Winter Sports

By J. C. GRAHAM

Auckland, New Zealand.

Few people would associate the South Seas with winter sports, yet in New Zealand skiing has made spectacular progress in the last few years and the biggest sports club in the country is a ski club.

The exploits of Sir Edmund Hillary made the world aware that the mountains of New Zealand provide a fine training ground for climbers. They are equally well suited as a playground for other winter sports.

Already, indeed, the growth of modern resorts is attracting tourists from overseas. Substantial numbers of Australians now visit New Zealand every winter for the skiing. Increasing numbers of enthusiasts from North America, who previously practised at resorts in the Andes during the northern summer, are realising that New Zealand offers an attractive alternative. Efficient chairlifts and tows and low prices make a double appeal.

Ski resorts in New Zealand have been developed by radically different means from those usual in the northern hemisphere. Hotel owners or resort operators have played a much smaller part. There is, in fact, only one privately developed ski centre in the country.

POSTWAR BOOM

The Government was prominent in opening up the older resorts. But in the postwar boom, nearly all accommodation and most of the tows and lifts have been financed and built by the skiers themselves through clubs and non-profit companies.

National Park, the largest resort in the country, is an example. Here, in the centre of the North Island, is a group of three volcanic cones. The tallest of these, Mount Ruapehu (9,176 feet), has a large and well-appointed tourist hotel on its lower slopes. This and the old school are operated by the Government.

Higher up, between 5,000 and 6,000 feet, no fewer than 23 ski clubs have built huts and runs for the huts built near the foot.

Above the first chairlift, skiers have the choice of a highly-efficient T-bar tow, or a second and longer chairlift built last summer and opened in time for the present winter season, which carries them rapidly to the upper slopes of the mountain. This chairlift rises 1,600 vertical feet in about a mile, and is believed to be about the second longest in existence.

Two long ropes, including one for beginners, complete a very extensive and up-to-date system.

CONTINUOUS RUNS

It enables skiers to make continuous runs of two and a half miles, dropping more than 2,000 feet, without any climbing. For those willing to climb, the upper chairlift provides access to the foot of a glacier leading easily and directly almost to the summit of the mountain at 8,000 feet. From here there is an enormous choice of runs descending 4,000 feet or more.

Ultimately lifts will operate right to the top or near it, and plans are already under way to build a high altitude hut near the summit. Even the present uphill devices provide good skiing in most seasons from June until about November or later.

The whole of the finance for the lift development was subscribed by skiers themselves. The directors of the operating company are all active skiers prominent in the clubs with huts on the mountain.

This is the most comprehensive lift system in the country, but there are other centres where linked tows provide skiers with facilities for a great deal of sport in a day. One is the only privately-developed ski resort in the country, at Coronet Peak, near Queenstown in the South Island. It has been operated with much enterprise and has been active in attracting skiers from abroad.

The Government still plays a part at some resorts, but over most of the country the clubs dominate the sport. At numerous places, especially in the South Island, district clubs have built access roads, erected huts and installed ski tows which they operate themselves.

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TRACKED SLOPES

For the skier more interested in ski touring than in running down tracked slopes, the great snowfields and glaciers of the Southern Alps, in the South Island, offer possibilities which have scarcely even been explored.

The installation of modern lifts and great increase in skiing now possible as a result, have brought a remarkable improvement in standards.

Prominent European and North American instructors are glad to spend their off season in New Zealand, and their well-run ski schools are now turning out racers of a distinct ability.

New Zealand entered the Winter Olympics for the first time in 1952 and several skiers recorded highly meritorious performances for an initial entry into international competition. No entry was made this year, to allow for a period of consolidation, but plans are already under way to prepare a team for a full-scale effort at the 1960 Winter Olympics in California.

Overseas experts believe that the fine ski fields available to New Zealanders and the modern equipment now installed will in time develop skiing of a very high standard. They also believe that the country has a bright future as a winter sports centre.—China Mail Special.

Japanese Horses And Jockeys To Race In Paris

Paris, July 2. Japanese horses and their jockeys will be racing in Paris meetings this September if the plans of one of Japan's leading trainer-owners succeed.

Mr Kazuo Fujio, Japan's trainer-owner of such thoroughbred stallions as Brie a Brac; one of the sons of the famous Mar O'War, said at the Lo Tremblay race course near here he hoped to bring over four Japanese horses and two jockeys to race in Paris this September. The horses would be in the four- and five-year-old age groups.

Mr Fujio said one of the objects of his present visit was to arrange for Japan's representation in the French meetings and later to establish a French-Japanese liaison in this field.

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ROD STEIGER SAYS...

THE BEST ACTORS MAY NEVER BECOME TOP FILM STARS IN HOLLYWOOD

By RON BURTON

It often happens that those few who are selected as the best by people in their own field are virtually unrecognised outside the field. For example, many who have been called "writers' writers," may be little known to the general reading public that goes in for "best sellers" only.

The acting profession is no exception, according to Rod Steiger. The best actors may never become top film stars despite years and years of hard work and despite wide recognition by fellow actors, he believes.

Steiger tends to subscribe to the overnight success theory. "Stars are born overnight," he said. "It's a fact that something in a personality just clicks with the public—maybe it's looks, a trick voice or something that makes women swoon. Anyhow, it sets off a reaction, then the film deejay starts, and producers suddenly begin checking stories which may be suitable for the new star."

NOTHING TO BE DONE

Steiger believes there is a huge reservoir of competent actors who are virtually unknown to the public. In some cases their faces are familiar to millions, but their names mean little to the customers.

"Many talented actors with years of experience never reach star status because they lack that something—not associated with ability—like a tight sweater, a disarming smile, dancing feet or facets like the kids next door," he said. "It's scene-stealing on a vast scale."

"I guess the only bitter ones are those who can't accept the fact that it's the public and not actors who judge us. You may be the best actor in the world—an actor's actor—but if you don't have a special quality which theatre audiences see and enjoy, it's too bad."

Steiger himself is philosophical about it.

"There isn't much you can do about the whole thing," he said. "Either you have it or you don't, and that's that."

Once upon a time stars were interested in protecting their offspring by keeping them away from show business. Now they're almost encouraging their children to try it.

Years ago, stars apparently figured the road was just too full of career pitfalls, headaches and heartbreak. They had seen too many troubles in motion pictures and the stage. If they didn't do anything else, they could keep the same things from happening to their kids.

But now things are different, and radio and its personalities seem to have led the way to the change.

Bing Crosby's eldest is a prime example. Gary, one of the Old Groaner's four sons, began on his father's CBS radio show several years ago. He since has made his own spot in radio and in including TV appearances in his increasing professional life.

Another son, Lindsay, also is getting his start on Crosby's TV show. The other two, Phillip and Denis, are in the Army.

AND OTHERS

Edgar Bergen's daughter Candy not only has joined her father on his radio show but also has learned a little ventriloquism herself.

Hollywood.

Jack Linkletter, 19, one of Art's five offspring, graduated from spots on his father's show to his own weekly local half-hour show. And Linkletter uses it as a substitute when he can't appear for his own programmes.

Linkletter, in line with the present trend, wanted first to make sure his kids knew what they were doing before they tried show business. He is in agreement with singer Curt Massey, whose two sons are preparing for musical careers.

The Massey boys are studying trumpet and piano but still are more interested in athletics. Massey figures that means they're flat, and he won't push them—just help them if they appear interested.

"And, if things get dull at the studio, there's always wrestling left to keep food in the house."

The former "Black Orchid" of the ring is appearing in Warners' "Santiago," as a first mate aboard a gun-running ship. It's a featured role, and Blackburn thinks he got it—and previous dramatic parts—because of his training in the ring.

Zsa Zsa Gabor thinks the "desirable male" is one who listens. But beware of the "spouting spouse."

"Almost any young woman can fix herself up so she's attractive enough to get her man," said Miss Gabor as she stood near a former husband of hers, suave, non-alkaline actor George Sanders.

"It really boils down to just picking and choosing, and this is where a girl should be careful. It's too easy to be fooled by a man who's attractive and personable. Then, after a girl is married, she learns he is self-centred and talks her head off, and she never gets a chance to say even 'yes, dear.' When this goes on day after day, it can become boring at the very least, and the next thing she knows, it hits her that she has married an egocentric instead of a man who will listen to her for a change."

MONEY HELPS

Miss Gabor, now happily co-starring with Sanders in Screen Gems' "Autumn Fever" for the Ford Theatre TV series, thinks that money also is a point to notice about potential husband material.

"Marrying men with money somehow seems to be a crime in the eyes of many," she said. "Why, just because a man has plenty of money doesn't mean he may be difficult to get along with. Now that I think about it, money often helps a great deal."

Mrs. Gabor emphasised this was just talk on her part for the benefit of others. She herself is interested right now only in an acting career.

The blonde beauty reflected a minute about the business of obtaining husbands.

"I have another point to make," she said, "that may help

the expression of the confluence of the Nile and Congo rivers in Africa may very well be, 'It's a basenji's life.' That is, if people there have a phrase equal to 'It's a dog's life.'

Interest in the basenji is going to spurt sharply with release of "Good-Bye, My Love," a British production for Winters. The basenji is one of the dandies dogs ever.

For one thing, it can't bark, but it can cry—and there aren't even coy local theatrical hounds that can do that.

Audiences will become friends with the basenji right away when they discover that, in addition to shedding real tears, the dog also can yodel and chuckle. He will appear on screens as a small, chestnut-brown dog with a curly tail, white feet and a black patch on his chest.

Warner researchers had a field day with basenji-ology. The breed has remained as it was in Stone Age days, according to guesswork based on available information. The basenji is illustrated in Egyptian history and apparently was transported down the Nile by people in Central Africa as a token of goodwill.

COST IS HIGH

The basenji, which stands 16 to 17 inches high and weighs about 24 pounds at maturity, became the lapdog of pharaohs. His earlier immortalisation in stone dates from about 4000 B.C., and he probably served as a model for the Egyptians' dog-headed deity, Anubis.

For reasons which are not completely clear, the basenji disappeared. He did not reappear until the 18th century when he turned up again at the Nile and the Congo juncture.

Now the basenji is used there primarily for hunting. He wears a bell so natives can follow him to prey. His actual vocalisation ranges from a chuckle to a high-pitched scream. And when domesticated by North American basenji enthusiasts, he becomes a one-man or one-family dog, and has to be taught to respect (i.e., not bite) more friends.

One more thing Warner's came up with on the basenji: his importance in Africa is illustrated by how much it costs to buy one more than it does to buy a wife.—United Press.

NBC Buys World Series TV & Radio Rights For \$3,259,000 A Year

New York, July 2. Ford Frick announced today that television and radio rights for the World Series and All-Star game for five years from 1957-1961 inclusive have been sold to the National Broadcasting Company for \$3,259,000 per year.

The new agreement, replacing an expiring six-year-contract with NBC, becomes effective with the July, 1957 All-Star game.

"We are deeply gratified that as a result of this agreement the pension fund for baseball players is now protected and guaranteed for another five years," Frick said.

"It is anticipated that it now will be possible to offer even more liberal benefits under the player pension plan which is already one of the most generous in existence."

Mr. Frick said one of the objects of his present visit was to arrange for Japan's representation in the French meetings and later to establish a French-Japanese liaison in this field.

The Government still plays a part at some resorts, but over most of the country the clubs dominate the sport.

At numerous places, especially in the South Island, district clubs have built access roads, erected huts and installed ski tows which they operate themselves.

"We also hope we can open a market which will greatly interest a number of buyers in my country," he told AFP.

He said that when the Japanese horses and riders race into Paris, "we will be able to make a comparison between the value of our horses and yours and see the difference in training methods and tactics."

France-Press.

Pakistan Team To Visit Red China

Paris, July 2. Radio Peking reported that a Pakistan national football team will visit Communist China in September, to play against the Chinese national team.

Besides playing matches, the Chinese team on its way back home will play a series of matches in Singapore, Ceylon and Calcutta.—France-Press.

Special.

100 Winners For The Season

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Hillary, The Realist,
Prepares His Antarctic Team

Sir Edmund Hillary, joint conqueror of

Everest, has organised one of the toughest and
most realistic exercises ever planned to prepare
his team for their part in the Commonwealth
Trans-Antarctic Expedition to take place during
the International Geophysical Year.Everything, right down to
emergency landings by aircraft,
has been taken into account
when planning the test rehearsal
on a high altitude field in
New Zealand's Southern Alps.During August, men, dogs,
clothing and equipment, including communications,
will be put through exacting tests
under conditions which will
closely resemble those to be
encountered later in the Antarc-

"Depot 300"

The party will be training
for preliminary work in the
deep south during the autumn
of 1956-7, and for the major
assault on the South Polar Plateau
to be made later in the
summer in support of the
trans-Antarctic crossing planned
by the Commonwealth Expe-

dition, led by Dr. M. J. Fuchs.

During the training period in
the Southern Alps, the Main
Hut of the New Zealand
Alpine Club, perched at 5,300
feet on rock slopes above the
upper Tasman Glacier, will
simulate "Depot 300", the supply
dump which Sir Edmund and
his team will in 1957-8 cross
on their 10,000-foot
Antarctic march between the
South and the North Poles.The Royal New Zealand Air
Force's Antarctic Flight will
use the Tasman Glacier as a
landing ground, and supply
flights will be kept to a minimum
and weather and AeronauticsThe more men in the expedition
will be held fully up to date
in surveying, navigation
and handling the
gear drawn by the five teams of
horses.The staff of five, a cook, a
man to look after the horses
and the expedition, Scott Base
while the field party says departs
on the Antarctic plateau
will during training exercise
in the specially set up
communications, meteorology,
mechanical, cooking, etc., and
first aid.It will not be the fault of Sir
Edmund Hillary if his men do
not have a good personal idea
of Antarctic conditions before
they set foot on the icy southern
continent.—China Mail Special.

First Aid

Early in September the group
will come down from the high
snows to move into an army
camp at Burnham, near Christ-
church, for a first aid course,
instruction, and first medical
and dental checks ready for
departure in mid-December on
its sixteen months of Antarctic
adventure.It will not be the fault of Sir
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they set foot on the icy southern
continent.—China Mail Special.A Chinese pedestrian on the
praya jumped into the sea to
avoid being struck by the
vehicle. The pedestrian, 23-
year-old Kwok-kun, of No. 80,
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floor, sustained injuries and is
now detained in hospital.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

Five New Zealand members of the International Geophysical
Year staff are with Sir Edmund Hillary
separately from Sir Edmund's party will plan and
conduct training operations to gain field
experience and practical
knowledge of emergencyOne of the most important
training tasks will be to develop
reliable radio communications
between aircraft, radio
equipped sledges and headquarters. For this purpose
the radio equipment to be
used later at Scott Base will be
operated from the Ross Sea
Committee's depot near Wellington,
in the North Island, 300 miles
distant from the field party training in the Alps in
the South Island.Sir Edmund Hillary has said
that he wants all members of
the party to receive the maximum
possible training before leaving New Zealand. He and
his deputy leader, Mr. B. B. Miller, will go to the Brumage,
a tourist hotel at the base of Mount Cook, New Zealand's
highest mountain, before the
end of July to complete arrangements for the training
schedule the following month.

Emergency

Already the expedition's
huskies, bred in New Zealand
and Australia, are at the Hermitage,
where they are in the care of Mr. Harry Ayres, a
veteran alpine guide and a
member of the party which will
go south.He will be joined soon by
Dr. George Marsh, an English
dog-handling expert who has
also been appointed to the New
Zealand Antarctic party.During August, the dog experts
and others of the expedition
members will do intensive
training in dog care and feeding,
sledge driving, caring
technique, assembling Nansen
sledges, making dog harness,

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION.

British Government Beating Inflation

PATTERN OF DEMAND CHANGING IN RIGHT DIRECTION

FROM RONALD BOXALL

London, July 2. The 6,000 men who were abruptly sacked last week by the British Motor Corporation might not agree but the fact is that the Government are beginning to get the upper hand in the fight against inflation. The advance has been slow and not without casualties. And some of the improvement is more apparent than real; but an improvement nevertheless.

The Treasury, in its latest progress report on British economic conditions, notes that full employment with "important" changes in the stability of prices in a fixed pattern of demand changes in the right direction. And even before the BMC sackings there were some slight signs of easing of the labour shortage.

Without wishing in any way to make light of what may well be personal tragedies for many of the 6,000 dismissed men, it is important to an understanding of the situation to get the facts in the right perspective.

Inflation is merely an expression for describing an inflated demand and the important part of last year's trouble was excessive demand for what economists call durable consumer goods such as motor cars. So when the Government joined the battle against inflation it naturally made curbing of demand for this type of goods one of its major objectives.

Paying Off

Now its efforts— spearheaded by the credit squeeze and backed by purchase tax and hire purchase restrictions—are paying off.

Personal consumption of all kinds in the first four months of the year (which is as far as the present information goes) was a little below the previous year's level. And the important thing is that demand for consumer goods, including motor cars, has dropped sharply.

And this has naturally affected the labour situation. Not that the days of full employment are over; far from it. The first four months of the year set new employer records and there was only slightly more unemployment in May than in the same month of 1955. The "relaxation of pressure" as far as it has gone has been partly due to the fall in the number of women who go out to work.

The situation has also improved insofar as there are now not so many vacant jobs, though there are still more than the number of people looking for them. In the Midlands the area 18,000 jobs await the 6,000 men sacked by the BMC.

So there has been some improvement—though again it must be stressed not without hardship to some. There has been a fall in demand for luxury goods and some labour has been displaced from industries producing these goods into, one hopes, industries of more immediate national importance. Meanwhile the total industrial production has risen only very slowly—part of the necessary cost of readjustment, the Treasury explains—but output of plant and machinery (a good export line) steel and even coal has risen.

Reserves Rising

The foreign balance too is looking better. Exports in May were records and the growth of imports had moderated. In the first five months of this year Britain imported an average of £61 million a month more than she exported compared with a monthly average trade "gap" of £72 million last year. The gold reserves are rising after the serious losses of last year and all in all prospects are good for a stable balance of payments surplus when the 1956 account is struck.

But the question midway through the year is: Will this improvement last? If by "improvement" one means the gradual elimination of inflation then the answer must be that it will. But it must be remembered that what has been achieved so far has been with

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

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Union Underwriters	870	1100		
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Wheelpack	940	940	1000 or 940	
K. Wharf	900			
Prov. (O)	14,300	14,400		
LAND, ETC.				
HK Hotel	14,40	14,00	200 or 14,00	
HK Land	80	80	100 or 80	
Heights	1,500	1,500		
RUBBER				
Anning	1,472	1,500		
LIQUIDITY				
Tram	23,600	24		
Star Ferry	130	120		
Yankee	100	110	200 or 100	
C. Light (O)	24,800	24,900	100 or 24,900	
C. Light (N)	22	23	30	100 or 22
Electric	1,000			
TELEGRAPH				
TD	31,12	31,16	31,000 or 31,12	
Telephone	24,000	24,20	1700 or 23	
INDUSTRIALS				
Cement	30,100	30,000	30,000 or 30,100	
STOLES, ETC.				
Dairy	16,70	16,00	200 or 16,00	
Watson	11,70			
COTTONS				
Textiles	8,220	8,300		
National	1,000			
INVESTMENTS				
Yangtze	7	7,10	5,000 or 7,00	
All	5,000	5,100		
H.K. & F.B.	11,200	11,400	500 or 11,200	
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